VIP and VVIP Security

345. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guide-lines for providing personal and household security to VIPs and VVIPs;

(b) whether security in respect of a number of important personalities have lately been withdrawn/ relaxed or curtailed; if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any mishaps have since been taken place with respect to some VIPs concerned, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have reviewed or are reviewing these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Guidelines for the security of President of India, Vice-President of India and the Prime Minister are contained in Blue Books. The policy on security of other protectees has recently been revised and announced in the month of February, 2000.

(b) Review of security of individual protectees is periodically undertaken on the basis of latest threat perception. The last such review was made in May, 2000 in which the security of some important personalities has been withdrawn/ reduced. Disclosure of their details is not considered advisable in the interest of security of these protectees.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Representations against withdrawal/reduction in security are considered and appropriate decisions are taken in the light of the latest threat perception in each case.

Bomb blast in Murkaji Mosque

346. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the bomb blast in Murkaji Mosque in Gunture district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the investigating agency could identify the culprits responsible for the bomb blast;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of Muslims were arrested for the violence after the bomb blast; and

(d) if so, the reasons for such arrest and how many of them are being tried, how many are in police and judicial custody and how many have been released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the report received from the Andhra Pradesh Government a bomb kept in a bag exploded in Murkaji mosque at Pothurivarithota, under Kothapet Police Station in Guntur town, on 25.6.2000. The culprits have been identified.

(c) and (d) In all 56 persons belonging to both Hindu and Muslim community have been arrested for the violence following the blast for indulging in violence and destruction of properties. All the arrested persons are now in judicial custody.

Demand for separate State of Gorkhaland

347. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation from Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council comprising of Sarva Shri Deepak Gurung, C.K. Pradhan and I.N. Pradhan met the Home Minister in June, 2000;

(b) whether they have have submitted a memorandum demanding for a separate State of Gorkhaland;

(c) if so, whether after prolonged discussions with Home Minister, they were given assurance for creation of separate State of Gorkhaland;

(d) if so, the details and time frame thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?